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**DEPARTMENT OF  
EMERGENCY  
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# Know Your Risk: Water & Wind

Hurricane Preparedness



**Consider your threats: storm surge, flooding from heavy rain, strong winds, tornadoes, rip currents.**



**Determine if you live in a flood-prone area.**



**Find out if you live in an evacuation zone.**



**Identify your home's structural risks (mobile homes & basements can be especially vulnerable).**



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# Prepare Before Hurricane Season

## Hurricane Preparedness



**Develop an evacuation plan.**



**Assemble disaster supplies: food, water, batteries, charger, radio, cash.**



**Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions.**



**Create a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts.**



**Strengthen your home.**





# Understand Forecast Information

## Hurricane Preparedness

- **Rely on forecasts from the National Hurricane Center & your local NWS office.**
- **Know your alerts & the difference between a Watch and Warning.**
- **Focus on potential impacts, regardless of storm size or category.**
- **Know that deadly hazards occur well outside of the Forecast Cone.**





# Get Moving When a Storm Threatens

## Hurricane Preparedness



**Protect your home: cover windows, secure doors & loose items.**



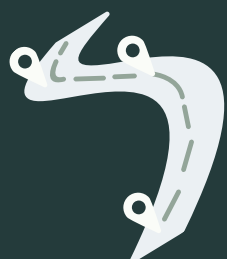
**Determine sheltering options and consider your pets.**



**Ready your go-bag, meds & supplies, charge phone, fill up/charge vehicle.**



**Help your neighbors, especially the elderly & other vulnerable people.**



**Follow evacuation orders if given.**



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# Stay Protected During Storms



**Stay in your safe places from water & wind.**



**Have a way to get weather alerts and forecast updates.**



**Keep in mind that impacts can be felt far from the coast.**



**Listen to local officials & avoid travel unless ordered to evacuate.**



# Use Caution After Storms

## Hurricane Preparedness

- **If you evacuated, only return home when directed it's safe to do so.**
- **Remain vigilant, as hazards remain: heat, downed power lines, floodwaters, & more.**
- **Clean up safely: don't push yourself, and check on neighbors.**
- **Only use generators outdoors, 20+ feet from your home.**
- **Prepare for the likelihood that help and communications may not be available.**



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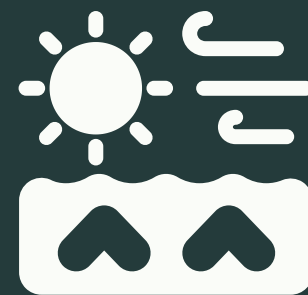




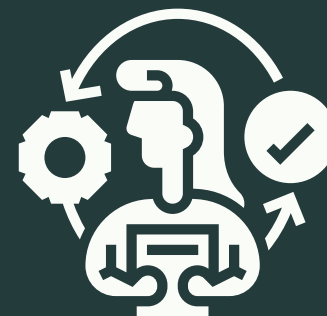
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# Take Action Today



**Determine your risk from water & wind.**



**Begin preparing now, before a storm.**



**Learn how to understand hurricane forecasts and alerts.**



**Learn what to do before, during, and after a storm.**



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